

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**Sergio Vargas Lopez
(A219-623-252),**

Plaintiff,

v.

**MERRICK B. GARLAND,
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**ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, Secretary,
Department of Homeland Security,
425 I Street
Washington, D.C. 20536**

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES,
5900 Capital Gateway Dr #2040
Camp Springs, MD 20746**

**UR M. JADDOU, Director,
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
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5900 Capital Gateway Dr #2040
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**NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER, U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Services,
850 S. St., Lincoln, NE 68508**

Defendants.

**COMPLAINT FOR
WRIT OF MANDAMUS**

Civil Action No.

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To the Honorable Judges of Said Court:

Plaintiff, Mr. Sergio Vargas Lopez (“Plaintiff”), through undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This is a civil action brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1361, 8 U.S.C. § 1329, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331, to redress the deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to Plaintiffs to compel Defendants to perform a duty Defendants owe to Plaintiffs. Jurisdiction is also conferred by 5 U.S.C. § 704.
2. This action is brought to compel Defendants and those acting under them to take action on the Form I-601A submitted by Plaintiff. The Application was filed with the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services’ (“USCIS”), on September 30, 2020. (Exhibit A, Copy of I-601A Receipt Notice).
3. Defendants, DHS and USCIS, are charged by law with the statutory obligation to adjudicate the Application.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This action arises under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (“INA”), 8 U.S.C. § 1255, and 8 U.S.C. § 1254. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), the INA, the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., and the Mandamus Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1361.
5. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §1391(e)(3) because the Defendants are officers of the United States acting in their official capacities, and the U.S. Attorney General’s Office, the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) are agencies of the United States.

FACTS

1. Plaintiff has an approved petition filed by his U.S. Citizen spouse. (Exhibit B, Copy of Approval Notice of I-130, Petition for Alien Relative).
2. On September 30, 2020, Plaintiff filed an Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver. (Exhibit A, Copy of Receipt Notice).
3. On October 23, 2020, USCIS issued receipt notice assigned to Nebraska Service Center with receipt number LIN2190020650. (*See* Exhibit A).

4. Processing times for this type of application have continued to increase since Plaintiff submitted his application in 2020. At the time of filing the median processing time was 11.2 months, that has increased to 35.0 months as of January 31, 2023. (Exhibit C, USCIS Historical National Median Processing Time by Fiscal Year).
5. USCIS continues to increase their reported processing times, preventing Plaintiff from submitting inquiries while his application is within the changing processing time.

CLAIMS

6. Defendants have willfully and unreasonably delayed in and have refused to adjudicate Plaintiff's Application.
7. Defendants owe Plaintiff a duty to adjudicate the Application and have failed to perform their duty.
8. Plaintiffs have exhausted any administrative remedies that may exist.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays that the Court:

9. Compel Defendants and those acting under them to perform their duty to adjudicate Plaintiff's Application;

10. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems proper under the circumstances; and

11. Grant Attorney's fees and costs of Court to Plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of March, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing **COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS** was served by certified mail, on:

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A I-601A Approval Notice

Exhibit B I-130 Receipt Notice

Exhibit C USCIS Historical National Median Processing Time by Fiscal Year